

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Second Session of the One Hundred and Sixteenth Congress convened
as prescribed by the Constitution of the United States.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S1–S10

Measures Introduced: One resolution was introduced, as follows: S.J. Res. 63. **Pages S8–9**

Senator Isakson Letter of Resignation—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the resignation letter of former Senator Johnny Isakson be read and spread upon the Journal and printed in the Record. **Pages S3–4**

Carranza Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Jovita Carranza, of Illinois, to be Administrator of the Small Business Administration. **Page S3**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, and pursuant to the unanimous-consent agreement of Friday, January 3, 2020, a vote on cloture will occur at 5:30 p.m., on Monday, January 6, 2020. **Page S3**

Prior to the consideration of this nomination, Senate took the following action:

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S3**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at approximately 3 p.m., on Monday, January 6, 2020, Senate resume consideration of the nomination; and that the motion to invoke cloture filed during the session of Friday, January 3, 2020, ripen at 5:30 p.m. **Page S4**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Andrew Lynn Brasher, of Alabama, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Eleventh Circuit.

Joshua M. Kindred, of Alaska, to be United States District Judge for the District of Alaska.

Matthew Thomas Schelp, of Missouri, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Missouri.

Stephen A. Vaden, of Tennessee, to be a Judge of the United States Court of International Trade. **Page S9**

Nominations Returned to the President: The following nominations were returned to the President failing of confirmation under Senate Rule XXXI at the time of the sine die adjournment of the First Session of the 116th Congress:

Geoffrey William Seiji Okamoto, of California, to be Deputy Under Secretary of the Treasury.

Naomi C. Earp, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary of Agriculture.

Scott Hutchins, of Indiana, to be Under Secretary of Agriculture for Research, Education, and Economics.

Lisa Vickers, of Texas, to be a Member of the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board for a term expiring October 18, 2021.

Thelma Drake, of Virginia, to be Federal Transit Administrator.

Ann Marie Buerkle, of New York, to be a Commissioner of the Consumer Product Safety Commission for a term of seven years from October 27, 2018.

Ann Marie Buerkle, of New York, to be Chairman of the Consumer Product Safety Commission.

Alan E. Cobb, of Kansas, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority for a term expiring November 22, 2023.

Rick A. Dearborn, of Oklahoma, to be a Director of the Amtrak Board of Directors for a term of five years.

Diana Furchtgott-Roth, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary of Transportation.

Joseph Ryan Gruters, of Florida, to be a Director of the Amtrak Board of Directors for a term of five years.

Don Munce, of Florida, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting for a term expiring January 31, 2024.

Leon A. Westmoreland, of Georgia, to be a Director of the Amtrak Board of Directors for a term of five years.

William Shaw McDermott, of Massachusetts, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority for a term expiring May 30, 2024.

David Fabian Black, of North Dakota, to be Deputy Commissioner of Social Security for the term expiring January 19, 2019.

Andrew M. Saul, of New York, to be Commissioner of Social Security for the term expiring January 19, 2019.

Pamela Bates, of Virginia, to be Representative of the United States of America to the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, with the rank of Ambassador.

Marshall Billingslea, of Virginia, to be an Under Secretary of State (Civilian Security, Democracy, and Human Rights).

Brett P. Giroir, of Texas, to be Representative of the United States on the Executive Board of the World Health Organization.

Darrell E. Issa, of California, to be Director of the Trade and Development Agency.

Ronald Mortensen, of Utah, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (Population, Refugees, and Migration).

Michael Pack, of Maryland, to be Chief Executive Officer of the Broadcasting Board of Governors for the term of three years.

Leandro Rizzuto, of New Jersey, to be Ambassador to Barbados, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Federation of Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Antigua and Barbuda, the Commonwealth of Dominica, Grenada, and Saint Vincent and the Grenadines.

Mark Rosen, of Connecticut, to be United States Executive Director of the International Monetary Fund for a term of two years.

Alan R. Swendiman, of North Carolina, to be Deputy Director of the Peace Corps.

Christine J. Toretti, of Pennsylvania, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Malta.

Victoria Ann Hughes, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for National and Community Service for a term expiring October 6, 2021.

Heather Reynolds, of Texas, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for National and Community Service for a term expiring September 14, 2021.

William Bryan, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary for Science and Technology, Department of Homeland Security.

Shannon Lee Goessling, of Florida, to be Director of the Violence Against Women Office, Department of Justice.

James E. Trainor III, of Texas, to be a Member of the Federal Election Commission for a term expiring April 30, 2023.

David Christian Tryon, of Ohio, to be Chief Counsel for Advocacy, Small Business Administration.

Mark Van Dyke Holmes, of New York, to be a Judge of the United States Tax Court for a term of fifteen years.

Stanley Blumenfeld, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of California.

Jeremy B. Rosen, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of California.

Mark C. Scarsi, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of California.

Rodney K. Brown, of California, to be a Member of the Farm Credit Administration Board, Farm Credit Administration, for a term expiring October 13, 2024.

John Linder, of Georgia, to be Representative of the United States of America to the Association of Southeast Asian Nations, with the rank and status of Ambassador.

Alma L. Golden, of Texas, to be an Assistant Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development.

Catherine Bird, of Texas, to be General Counsel of the Federal Labor Relations Authority for a term of five years.

Richard Giacalone, of Virginia, to be Federal Mediation and Conciliation Director.

Vincent F. DeMarco, of New York, to be United States Marshal for the Eastern District of New York for the term of four years.

Theodore Rokita, of Indiana, to be a Director of the Amtrak Board of Directors for the remainder of the term expiring January 3, 2021.

Stephen R. Bough, of Missouri, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Harry S Truman Scholarship Foundation for a term expiring December 10, 2021.

Kenneth Charles Canterbury, Jr., of South Carolina, to be Director, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives.

Kevin Ray Sweazea, of New Mexico, to be United States District Judge for the District of New Mexico.

Daniel Z. Epstein, of Texas, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims for a term of fifteen years.

Halil Suleyman Ozerden, of Mississippi, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fifth Circuit.

Keith E. Sonderling, of Florida, to be a Member of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission for a term expiring July 1, 2024.

Owen McCurdy Cypher, of Michigan, to be United States Marshal for the Eastern District of Michigan for the term of four years.

Thomas L. Leonard III, of Michigan, to be United States Attorney for the Western District of Michigan for the term of four years.

Robert Joseph Kruckemeyer, of Texas, to be a Member of the National Council on the Humanities for a term expiring January 26, 2022.

Scott J. Laurer, of Virginia, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims for the term of fifteen years.

James P. Danly, of Tennessee, to be a Member of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission for the remainder of the term expiring June 30, 2023.

Katharine MacGregor, of Pennsylvania, to be Deputy Secretary of the Interior.

William Ellison Grayson, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Estonia.

Leora Rosenberg Levy, of Connecticut, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Chile.

Barbera Hale Thornhill, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Singapore.

Cory T. Wilson, of Mississippi, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Mississippi.

Jenny A. McGee, of Texas, to be an Assistant Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development.

Fernando L. Aenlle-Rocha, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of California.

Adam L. Braverman, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of California.

Almo J. Carter, of the District of Columbia, to be a Commissioner of the United States Parole Commission for a term of six years.

Sandy Nunes Leal, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of California.

R. Shireen Matthews, of California, to be a United States District Judge for the Southern District of California.

Rick Lloyd Richmond, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of California.

Stephen Sidney Schwartz, of Virginia, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims for a term of fifteen years.

Stephen A. Vaden, of Tennessee, to be a Judge of the United States Court of International Trade.

Grace Karaffa Obermann, of Virginia, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims for a term of fifteen years.

Kathryn C. Davis, of Maryland, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims for a term of fifteen years.

Edward Hulvey Meyers, of Maryland, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims for a term of fifteen years.

Andrew Lynn Brasher, of Alabama, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Eleventh Circuit.

John W. Holcomb, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of California.

Knut Sveinbjorn Johnson, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of California.

Steve Kim, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of California.

Joshua M. Kindred, of Alaska, to be United States District Judge for the District of Alaska.

Michelle M. Pettit, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of California.

Todd Wallace Robinson, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of California.

Jennifer P. Togliatti, of Nevada, to be United States District Judge for the District of Nevada.

John Peter Cronan, of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York.

William Scott Hardy, of Pennsylvania, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Pennsylvania.

John F. Heil III, of Oklahoma, to be United States District Judge for the Northern, Eastern and Western Districts of Oklahoma.

David Cleveland Joseph, of Louisiana, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Louisiana.

Iris Lan, of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York.

Matthew Thomas Schelp, of Missouri, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Missouri.

Finch Fulton, of Alabama, to be an Assistant Secretary of Transportation.

3 Army nominations in the rank of general.
 14 Coast Guard nominations in the rank of admiral.
 3 Marine Corps nominations in the rank of general.
 1 Navy nomination in the rank of admiral.
 Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, Foreign Service, and Navy. **Pages S9–10**

Messages from the House: **Page S8**

Measures Referred: **Page S8**

Measures Placed on the Calendar: **Pages S3, S8**

Enrolled Bills Presented: **Page S8**

Additional Cosponsors: **Page S9**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 12 noon and adjourned at 1:18 p.m., until 3 p.m. on Monday, January 6, 2020. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S4.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: There were no Public Bills or Resolutions introduced in today's Record.

Reports Filed: There were no reports filed today.

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Raskin to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H1**

Convening of the Second Session of the 116th Congress: Pursuant to the 20th Amendment to the Constitution, the House met at 12 noon on January 3, 2020 for the convening of the second session of the One Hundred Sixteenth Congress. Pursuant to section 8(a) of H. Res. 758, the Chair announced that no organizational or legislative business will be conducted on this day. The Chair further announced that messages requiring action will be laid before the House on a subsequent day and that bills and resolutions introduced today will receive a number but will not be referred to committee or noted in the Record until a subsequent day. Executive communications, memorials, and petitions likewise will be referred and numbered on a subsequent day. **Page H1**

Quorum Calls—Votes: There were no Yea and Nay votes, and there were no Recorded votes. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 12 noon and at 12:02 p.m. the House stands adjourned until 2 p.m. on Tuesday, January 7, 2020, pursuant to section 8(c) of H. Res. 758.

Committee Meetings

No hearings were held.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D1413)

S. 1790, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2020 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year. Signed on December 20, 2019. (Public Law 116–92)

H.R. 1158, making consolidated appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2020. Signed on December 20, 2019. (Public Law 116–93)

H.R. 1865, making further consolidated appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2020. Signed on December 20, 2019. (Public Law 116–94)